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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:BTRA (RESTON, MR. AND MRS. JAMES), SA

SUBJECT:VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST  
AND MRS JAMES RESTON

1. MR. AND MRS. RESTON PLAN VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AS PART  
OF TOUR WHICH INCLUDES YUGOSLAVIA AND EGYPT. ETA SAUDI  
ARABIA EXPECTED MARCH 4, BUT FINAL ITINERARY DEPENDS ON  
DATE SET FOR PROPOSED INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT TITO.

2. RESTON'S WASHINGTON OFFICE INFORMS US SAUDI INFOR-  
MATION OFFICE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SAG TO ARRANGE  
APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE IN SAUDI ARABIA AND OBTAIN VISA  
AUTHORIZATIONS. WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM, SINCE ONLY  
PERSONS APPARENTLY AWARE OF PROPOSED VISIT, HASSAN  
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YASSIN (DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION OFFICE) AND AMBASSADOR  
ALIREZA, ARE OUT OF WASHINGTON. IN ANY CASE, WITH RESTON  
DEPARTING WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 25, TIME WAS NOT SUFFICIENT  
TO OBTAIN VISA HERE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH SAG TO ASSURE THAT  
IT IS IN FACT PLANNING SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS AND

AUTHORIZING VISA ISSUANCES BY SAUDI EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

4. FOR CAIRO: REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE IN  
GETTING RESTONS' SAUDI VISAS. RESTON CAN BE REACHED  
THROUGH NEW YORK TIMES CAIRO OFFICE (IMMOBILIA BUILDING).  
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